

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 11, 2009
9:00 am**

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 9:00 in the commissioners meeting room located at 79 Jackson Street, Zebulon, Georgia. Members present were presiding Chairman Doug Mangham, Commissioner Tommy Powers, Commissioner Roosevelt Willis, Commissioner Parrish Swift and Commissioner Don Collins. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Morton, County Attorney Rob Morton and County Manager Steve Marro. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED EVERYONE TO JOIN HIM IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (1).

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

- Remove Carol Bass from Public Comment
- Change the word "EMS" to "Fire Department" under A-New Business
- Add to New Business, item H, the request to approve a resolution from the Pike County Recreation Authority to change their enabling legislation to change their name and to clarify their tax exempt status.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 2009 AT 6:30 PM PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)

MOTION

Commissioner Collins made the motion for approval of the minutes as corrected.
Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR INVITED GUESTS

A. Ben Carter, Carter Watkins Associates to present a cost estimate and construction update of the Courthouse facility. Mr. Carter was not present at the meeting. This topic will be postponed until the February 24, 2009 meeting.

B. Tom Morgan to present plaque to Aubrey Boswell for 18 years of service on the Pike County Board of Equalization. Mr. Tom Morgan introduced Mr. Aubrey Boswell to the Board and citizens and presented him with a plaque for his many years of service on the Pike County Board of Equilization.

C. Bill Roebuck to discuss changing "Oak Tree Road" to Bill Johnson Trail. Actual road name is Twin Oaks Pass (between Caldwell and Flat Rock Church Road). Mr. Roebuck spoke to the Board, requesting that this short road name be changed to honor Mr. Bill Johnson. County Manager Marro said that the U.S. Postal Service usually is the one to handle such a request due to address changes; however, since there are no houses on this road, the Post Office had no problem with this change.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to make name change from Twin Oaks Pass to Bill Johnson Trail. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES-MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES

Commissioner Collins said that he wanted to get summary information rather than detailed information from the Boards and Authorities, specifically Planning and Development. County Manager Marro said that the reason this was being done that way is that prior to the re-vamping of Planning and Development, reports were not being received from that department. Commissioner Powers stated that he wanted the detail. County Manager Marro said that Mr. Powers will be provided with the detail and the other Commissioners will be provided with summaries as requested.

There was discussion about the East-West Corridor. Mr. Marro said that the Senator from the district below ours had suggested that the Route 16 corridor bypass from Macon to LaGrange be moved down to the fault line. This would not do Pike County a bit of good, per Mr. Marro. Mr. Marro suggested that a regional group be put together to discuss this connector from Macon to LaGrange so that it could be as close to Pike County as the Board would like it to be. Commissioner Swift asked that the Board be kept informed about this project. Mr. Marro said that this project probably won't break ground for another ten years but we need to get moving on it especially if we're going to be getting some funding for the project, perhaps being submitted to the Obama infrastructure program. Mr. Marro suggested that a resolution be done stating what the Board's position is on where this road should go. Mr. Marro said that a resolution was done to support the concept of an East-West connector but this resolution did not designate a specific site or layout for this road.

Commissioner Willis said that the sales and quantity don't match on page one of the fuel report. County Manager Marro said that this reporting comes from a software program which is made for commercial gas pumps and doesn't necessarily fit our usage because Pike County does not sell gas to the general public. Mr. Marro suggested going to a summary report on this, also.

Mr. Collins reiterated the fact that summary reports would save paper and office staff time. Commissioner Powers said that he agreed with this but then said that he had a problem with summary reports stating that he still wanted to look at the detail. Mr. Powers said that he was getting the details the day of the meeting and needed more time to look through the information. Commissioner Collins said that he wanted to commend the commissioners office on having the packets ready last Thursday afternoon, stating that it was an improvement over what was seen in the past. A motion is usually taken to approve the reports from county departments and county authorities however no motion was made to do so at today's meeting.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES-COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1. Update on the motion to consolidate costs for re-paving six roads, upgrading from dirt to pavement six roads, and the updated cost to renovate the Courthouse.

Mr. Marro said that he is surprised that Ben Carter from Carter Watkins was not at the meeting. Per Mr. Marro, Mr. Carter is anxious for the courthouse project to move forward and would also like to bid on the engineering aspect of the project. Mr. Marro then gave an update on the cost to resurface the six roads that the road department has identified as being in dire need of resurfacing. These roads are Zebulon Hollonville Road, Beeks Road, Kings Road, New Hope Road, Hemphill Road and Reidsboro Road. The roads that were determined to need paving were based on conditions, travel usage, whether or not it is a feeder or main thoroughfare, a school bus route, or has a high population. Mr. Marro said that the total road mileage would be around 22 miles for a total cost of around \$855,000.00 to resurface these roads. This would be the resurfacing of 22 miles of paved road. Commissioner Willis asked if this was resurfacing with asphalt and Mr. Marro said yes it was. Mr. Marro said that the proposed reconstruction of six roads was not yet complete. Mr. Marro said that he had a conversation with Chairman Mangham about chip sealing these other six roads. These six roads used the same criteria; condition, usage, population, etc., and include Caldwell Road, Howell Road, McKinley Road, Melville Brown Road, Old Zebulon Road and Woodard Road. Mr. Marro said that the county could reduce the cost of repairing these roads considerably if they were chip sealed. Mr. Marro said that as far as doing a bond for the road repairs and the rebuilding of the courthouse, United Bank has shown interest in doing the bond for Pike County. Mr. Marro said that United Bank now does municipal bonding and thinks that they can reduce the cost to the county substantially. Mr. Marro said that the cost on the last S.P.L.O.S.T. bond was around \$70,000.00.

2. Per the Board's request, the financials and signed BOC minutes were posted on the website within a day of the meeting. Mr. Marro stated that the meeting minutes approved at the last meeting were posted on the website the following day. He also stated that the financials will be posted on the website prior to the evening meeting.

3. The National Fire Service has informed the Fire Chief of an opportunity to have the Pike County Fire Department featured in a training video. Mr. Marro said that there has

been some discussion about the ISO survey and its availability. Typically with ISO surveys, the information is due within 12 months. The National Fire Service was brought in on this to be sure that this was completed before March 1st, 2009, which is when the new ISO stipulations are supposed to go into effect. Mr. Marro said that he was told by National Fire Service that Pike County can expect its ISO rating anytime within the next month. Mr. Marro said that he's looking forward to this. Commissioner Swift said that the results are usually received within 45 days of the inspection date in an official letter advising them of their score. Commissioner Swift said that the county is already 60 days from the inspection, then asked if we were more than 45 days from the inspection. Fire Chief Danny Henderson said that they were 42 past the inspection date. Mr. Marro said that National Fire Service has been in touch with Chief Henderson to do a film on the turbo drafts that they could use for a training film that would be used around the world. Commissioner Swift said that the turbo drafts have been used already on at least one structure fire where thousands of gallons of water was pumped from a pond. Mr. Marro said that he's heard from fire personnel that these turbo drafts were incredible.

4. All elected officials, component units of government and department heads were notified last Friday, Feb. 6th that the budget process has begun for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. An 8 month fiscal year is targeted. Mr. Marro said that he held a meeting with elected officials and department heads on February 10th to begin the FY 2009/2010 budget process. He said that this process will be totally transparent, saying that the county has nothing to hide. Mr. Marro said that a five year history will be provided by each department. He stated that departmental goals and objectives will be considered and said that the county is trying to get away with 'automatic incrementalism" whereby a department would ask for \$110,000.00 this year, for example, because they needed \$100,000.00 last year.

5. Pot-hole repairs have begun as the paving plants are now re-opened. Does the BOC have a policy on repairs to taxpayer's vehicles when they have made repairs due to the pothole conditions in the County roads? County Manager Marro said that he had rode the county roads with Public Works Director Todd Goolsby yesterday. A citizen has stated that a pothole had damaged her vehicle. Mr. Marro said that there is no written policy on this issue of damage due to county roads. It was stated that Pike County assumes no liability for damage to vehicles. Commissioner Collins said citizens need to drive on Pike County roads at their own risk saying that paying for damages would open the county up to a lot of claims.

6. A report has been provided relative to Mr. Townsend's training and accreditations with the Carl Vinson Institute. This is a complete package of financial training sponsored by ACCG that will provide him with a certification in Public Finance. The training is being done per the Board of Commissioners directions last year. Mr. Marro said that Sean Townsend is in training today and tomorrow.

7. Mr. Marro reported that the Pre-Disaster Mitigation plan (PDM) is ready to go into its draft form and will be submitted to FEMA on February 16th for their comments and feedback. Pete Nelms was hired as a consultant to complete this study for Pike County. The due date was June 1st so the county is ahead of schedule. Mr. Marro said that the county is ahead of schedule due to the tremendous assistance from the cities and the staff on getting this project done. Mr. Nelms commended Kyle Gooden on the amount of work that he has done on the GIS mapping. As soon as GEMA is done reviewing the plan, they will send it back to us and there will be a public hearing. Once the plan is adopted by the Board of Commissioners, it will be sent to GEMA for their full adoption. Once GEMA approves it, they will send it to FEMA. Once FEMA has the Pre-Disaster Mitigation plan, Pike County will be eligible for FEMA grants.

7. Lastly, Mr. Marro gave the Board an update on the 911 quality control audit. This audit must be completed every three years. A copy of this audit was passed out to the Board for their review. Mr. Marro said that the last audit was done two years ago and said that the most recent audit shows a substantial increase in accuracy in response over this two year period. Mr. Marro said that according to the inspector, this was one of the best inspections in the state of Georgia. Mr. Marro said that the 911 office has come light years and he's proud of that.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES-COMMISSIONERS REPORT

District 1- Commissioner Willis said that that the last meeting, he and Commissioner Swift discussed a culvert that needed to be repaired. Mr. Marro asked if this was the culvert on Turner Road. Mr. Marro asked Todd Goolsby if this has been addressed. Mr. Goolsby's comments were inaudible. Commissioner Swift asked if it was found to be inferior, that the culvert does need to be replaced. Commissioner Swift said that the bottom of the culvert was rusted out on both ends and that they could see the creek bed as far as they could see into the culvert. Mr. Goolsby said that this occurs all over Pike County.

Commissioner Willis said that he was instructed to bring this next topic up in an open meeting, saying that he thought he had gone through proper channels but didn't get the results that he was looking for. Work was done out on Turner Road on a bank and on the right-of-way. He wanted to know if the property owner had asked that this work be done, was it a hazard or a drain problem. County Manager Marro said that he had discussed this last Thursday with Mr. Willis and had gone out yesterday morning with Mr. Goolsby to look at the site. The land owner had called the road department wanting to know if the road department was willing to come out and improve the ditch on his side of the driveway. Mr. Goolsby, per Mr. Marro, went out and looked at the road and found that this is a section of road that had actually narrowed up considerably. Mr. Goolsby determined that the road department was capable of widening the road so that this road would stay one width and would have a decent drainage ditch. This work was done within the right-of-way. The bank was cut back, road widened, and new ditch put in. This was at the request of a land owner, asking

that the road be improved. The land owner requested that the dirt be left and this was done because it was determined to be less expensive to leave it there rather than having it trucked back to the highway garage. This dirt has since been trucked back to the highway garage because of the number of complaints received on this. Mr. Marro said that he didn't know why the land owner across the street is saying that the work was done for personal reasons. Mr. Marro said that the county couldn't do his ditch even if he asked to have the work done because his fence is in the ditch. Mr. Marro said that he didn't see anything improper with the work done. Commissioner Swift asked Commissioner Willis how long ago this issue was addressed in house and asked if this had been addressed earlier that this wouldn't be addressed in an open meeting. Commissioner Willis said that Commissioner Swift was correct, saying that he got the answer today that he had been seeking all this time. Mr. Willis said that the last time he had requested this information; he needed to do so in an open meeting. County Manager Marro said that he begged to differ with Mr. Willis, saying that he had told Commissioner Willis that he had spoken with Mr. Goolsby about this and that Mr. Goolsby had informed him that the client had wanted the bank cut and that a new ditch was needed. Mr. Marro said that Commissioner Willis had told him that this was not the information that he was looking for and that was why he gave the information given today. Mr. Marro said that he was going to take this one step further. Marro said that he's gotten another complaint out on Union School Road saying that the perception has been generated that the county road department is out on Union School Road clearing a lot for somebody. Mr. Marro said that this is not true. Pike County does not do private sector work and does not do work for the public even if asked to do so. This section of road is another area where there is no ditch and they were allowed to cut the bank back for peripheral vision. Mr. Marro agrees with what Mr. Goolsby did out there and reiterated that the county is not clearing a lot out there. Mr. Marro said that he has met with the land owner on this issue but couldn't meet with the complainant as he does not know who it is. Commissioner Swift said that the county is addressing several roads with the same condition. Mr. Goolsby said again that they do not do work on private property. Mr. Marro said that he has not had a complaint on the road department since the water lines were completed. Mr. Marro said that he road quite a few roads yesterday with Mr. Goolsby and said that this department has done a phenomenal job ditching and rebuilding roads throughout this county. Mr. Marro stated again that the Pike County does not do work on private property. Commissioner Willis said that he did not address this on behalf of a complainant but on his behalf because he wanted to know and hadn't gotten an answer. Commissioner Willis stated that Mr. Marro had not given him this answer in the meeting that they had had.

District 2- Commissioner Swift asked about the area of Hughley Road and Hwy 19, asking if this shouldn't be a designated school zone. Commissioner Swift said that it is a school zone by his definition because of the high volume of traffic coming in and out right there. Chairman Mangham said that there is already a deputy there directing traffic. Commissioner Swift said that that was not relevant, saying that the area needed flashing lights and reduced speed limit. County Attorney Rob Morton suggested that the Board consider a motion requesting that the DOT do an inspection of the area.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion for DOT to look at a designated school zone and decell lane for Hughley Road. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Swift then asked where the County Manager stood on his certified county manager training. Mr. Marro said that they would have to ask Nancy Cook for that information. Ms. Cook said that she had him scheduled two days of training in March in Tifton and said that the only other class that Mr. Marro required was one that was only offered by ACCG every other year and would not be available until next year.

District 3-Commissioner Powers had no report today.

District 4-Commissioner Collins brought up mud bogging. Commissioner Swift said that he didn't discuss this purposely because this issue is going to go before the Board of Appeals and then to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Collins said that he has received a number of calls on this topic. Commissioner Swift said that he thought the main issue was the five lane highway, saying that the Georgia State Patrol will not take a stance on this issue and the Pike County Sheriffs Department said that there is no statute that addresses this issue. Commissioner Swift said that a five lane highway was never meant for pedestrian traffic on a regular basis. Commissioner Collins said that the question he had is will the Board of Commissioners allow this mud bogging to happen before the special exception was granted. Mr. Collins said that the special exception has been applied for but the activity is ongoing. Mr. Collins asked if this is allowable. County Manager Marro said that he did know that the Planning and Development Department was issuing citations each weekend because this is in violation of Pike County code. This topic is scheduled to appear before Magistrate Court on February 26th.

Mr. Collins then asked about the use of the library meeting room. Mr. Marro said that he had met with the library staff and had given them a letter stating that the Board of Commissioners wanted that meeting room left available for the public. Mr. Marro said that he had been informed by the new chairman of the Library Board and by the librarian that that nobody was ever told that they could not use the room.

Next, Mr. Collins stated that he wanted to discuss in the next workshop getting a human resource officer for Pike County. Mr. Collins said that a lot of workshops are needed.

Commissioner Collins then asked about Mr. Sean Townsend's training, asking if the training addressed Mr. Townsend's proficiency with the county's software. Mr. Marro said that he did not believe that this training addressed the CSI software specifically and said that he was not aware of any issues with Mr. Townsend's unprofessionalism with the CSI software. Commissioner Collins said that it was not unprofessionalism but referred to Mr. Townsend's knowledge and operation of the software. Mr. Collins said

that it had been brought to his attention that the county is not using the software that it paid a lot of money for to its capacity. Commissioner Collins said that he would like to see the software utilized. Mr. Marro said with regard to that aspect, yes, Mr. Townsend is picking up training to utilize more modules within the CSI software. Mr. Marro said that there are some modules that Pike County does not have, including the invoicing module. Mr. Marro continued to say that Mr. Townsend was picking up components of training that he can use for better reporting to the Board, better departmentalization so that he can better understand income and expenses, etc. Mr. Townsend, per County Manager Marro, is getting better training in providing projection of revenues, historical projections of expenses in departments, etc.

Commissioner Collins then asked where were the 911 signs were that should be located at the entrance to the county on major roads. Commissioner Collins asked that this be followed up on. County Manager Marro said that he would follow up on this.

Chairman Mangham did not have a report today.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEES-COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Morton said that the PRD section of the code was inserted into the compilation and that a draft of the code has been given to the Planning Commission. They will be reviewing the code at their meeting this Thursday. Hard copies of this draft are available to the Board for their review. Draft copies are available for the public to review at the Commissioners office and Mr. Morton said that he had additional copies of the draft code at his office. County Attorney Morton said that copies of the draft were provided to Carol Bass and Margie Trammell for their review, also. Mr. Morton said that the draft was a compilation of what was in the minutes since 2002 and has requested that the Board of Commissioners designate who will be responsible for the code going forward.

Mr. Morton then said that the Planning Commission had recommended that the Board consider repealing the PR ordinance, saying that he thought this was the intent back in 2002. The moratorium is in process and that any action that needs to be taken should be done in the upcoming workshop.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

First Reading of Adult Entertainment Ordinance. County Attorney Morton said that this is a public hearing and that it needed to be held in accordance with the meeting protocol ordinance or whatever the majority vote of the board would like. A minimum of ten minutes per side needs to be made available. The proposed document is being made available from the sub committee of the CATF that was working on the code revision. This has gone before the Planning Commission and their recommendations have been presented to the Board. The staff is recommending approval conditioned

upon confirming the 2500 square foot distance that's in the ordinance. Mr. Morton said that the staff has reviewed several ordinances throughout the state and the highest distance that was found is 1500 square feet and there is no specific case on point for 2500 square feet. Per Mr. Morton, these are the recommendations provided by staff and the Planning Commission. After the public hearing, this will be considered as the first reading.

Chairman Mangham opened the public hearing portion of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance.

Citizens speaking in favor of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance:

John Morrison
Becky Watts

Citizens speaking in opposition of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance:

None.

Chairman Mangham closed the public hearing at this time.

Commissioner Collins said with regard to the 2500 foot requirement, this is Pike County's ordinance and the county does not need to consider what anyone else has. It was also suggested that no alcoholic beverages be allowed. Commissioner Collins said that he thought that this would be a strong deterrent.

MOTION

Commissioner Collins made the motion to adopt as First Reading the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tom Lacey or Tommy Burnsed from the Pike County Water Authority to discuss the inclusion of natural gas in their enabling legislature. Mr. Burnsed passed out to the Board a copy of their enabling legislation showing the places that they are requesting the word 'gas' be inserted. The Water and Sewerage Authority would like to be able to provide natural gas service to Highway 41 and Highway 19. Mr. Burnsed said that there was no natural gas in Pike County except along Highway 18. Mr. Burnsed said that Yancey Brothers wanted natural gas and the gas company said that it would cost them 10 million dollars to run this gas line. The gas company later came back with a figure of 3.5 million dollars which was still too much. Mr. Burnsed said that their engineers stated that it would be an \$800,000.00 project. Mr. Burnsed said that if natural gas service was provided to the industrial areas it would draw business to the area. Mr. Burnsed said that he thought that Yancey Brothers was willing to pay most of the \$800,000.00 figure to get gas to their site. Per Mr. Burnsed, Pike County is the first county to consider adding natural gas to the authority. Commissioner Powers asked if everyone had signed on to the water. Mr. Burnsed said that they have not and that

they dropped the ball with that saying that there are 120 customers that are benefiting from having water with respect to fire protection and ISO rating but that have not signed on for it. Mr. Burnsed said that the Water and Sewer Authority would not pursue gas until they had a customer request it. Commissioner Collins asked what exactly the Water and Sewerage Authority was asking from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Burnsed said that they just wanted to get the word 'gas' added to their legislation. Commissioner Swift said that the concept made sense, saying that if and when this was approved, the gas authority would be in place.

MOTION

Commissioner Collins made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer Authority's actions in requesting that gas be added to their Authority. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 3-1 vote with Commissioners Willis, Collins and Powers voting in favor and Commissioner Swift opposed.

B. Discussion of the appointment of Forrest Sanders to the DFACS Board-Risa Price to speak on behalf of DFACS. Ms. Risa Price said that the DFACS Board had one opening and asked that Forrest Sanders be appointed to this position. Commissioner Willis said that Mr. Sanders had been appointed to the DFACS Board by the Board of Commissioners but the DFACS Board had rejected this appointment. Ms. Price said that there is nothing that would prohibit Mr. Forrest Sanders from serving on their board and apologized for any misunderstanding. Commissioner Willis asked if the reason that Mr. Sanders had been rejected by the DFACS Board had been discussed. Ms. Price said that she had spoken with their legal services and said that nobody was opposed to this appointment.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to affirm the appointment of Forrest Sanders to the DFACS Board. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

C. Discussion of the contract to re-roof the 2nd District Fire Station. At a previous meeting, the Board discussed re-roofing this fire station. The original bids were for shingles only and a metal was not considered at that time. County Manager Marro said that the Board had the information in their packets pertaining to the re-roofing of the Second District Fire Station, considering both a shingled roof and a metal roof. Commissioner Willis asked Mr. Marro if the low bidder was using 26 or 29 gauge steel. Mr. Marro did not know. Pike County Fire Chief Danny Henderson asked why put a new roof on a building that probably won't be there in two years. Chief Henderson suggested repairing the roof rather than replacing it, saying that there were other things that the Fire Department could use the money on. It was mentioned that the interim Fire Chief had suggested that roof replacement prior to Chief Henderson's appointment. It was mentioned that ISO would recommend that this fire station be used as a sub-station and that a new fire station be put on Highway 19.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to shingle the Second District Fire Station. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 3-2 vote with Chairman Mangham, Commissioners Swift and Powers in favor and Commissioners Willis and Collins opposed.

A five minute break was taken at this time.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss merging the EMA and Fire Department functions back into a single line item/ single department and also merge the current 2008/09 budgets together. Mr. Marro said that this merger was requested by both the EMA Director and the Fire Chief saying that this would be a better approach for emergency services in Pike County. The EMA budget would be merged into the Fire Department budget. Per Mr. Marro, the EMA Director would report to the Fire Chief.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to merge the presently existing two departments where the EMA would now report to the Fire Chief under that department and it would be merged under the budget. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

B. Request approval to issue RFP for Financial Services to lowest bidder. County Manager Marro said that the prior Board had authorized the county to go out to bid to bring in a financial person to study the analysis and procedures of how Pike County operates day to day; how we pay our bills, what the finance policy looks like, that deposits are being made properly according to GASB, and that Pike County is as totally compliant as it possibly can be and at the same time make sure that the finances are being done in the same manner. The County had received several responses to this RFP and Mr. Marro stated that he and Sean Townsend interviewed everyone that had replied. A spreadsheet was presented with the commissioners packets. Mr. Marro said that the price per hour was basically the same. Mr. Marro said that he recommended Tara Winstead be awarded the bid. Commissioner Swift said that Ms. Winstead had the lowest recommendation rating of the bidders. Commissioner Willis said that he was going to ask about that, too. Commissioner Willis also said that Ms. Winstead is charging \$75.00 per hour as are two other companies and asked what's to say that Ms. Winstead's time won't come up to more than the other companies monthly rate? County Manager Marro said that the rating schedule that was done by Sean Townsend is actually backward, saying that the rating of 3 is actually higher than the rating of 5. Mr. Marro also said that the rating was done through a series of information as to what kind of reporting they were going to use. Mr. Marro said that there is no need to bring someone in and pay expenses when there is someone in the county who can do the job. Ms. Winstead comes with high recommendations including a recommendation from another bidder, Mauldin and Jenkins. Mr. Marro said that Ms. Winstead should only need to work between two and four hours per week. Commissioner Collins asked if Ms. Winstead had worked for Pike County in the past and is familiar with the

procedures. Mr. Marro said that she had and that she is familiar with the CSI software. Commissioner Swift asked if this would be an annual contract. Mr. Marro said that it would be a 12 month contract and is designed and intended to go away if there were no problems with the procedures and policies that are established in the county. Chairman Mangham said that he is concerned with the expenses and that Ms. Winstead is a county resident. Commissioner Willis asked if she would be working two to four hours per week or per day. Mr. Marro said that she would be working 2-4 hours per week, stating that she would not be reviewing items such as bank statements but would review policies and procedures. Commissioner Swift said that he thought the discussions were that it was going to be a little bit more involved than that. She was to be an oversight on the accounting. County Manager Marro said that Ms. Winstead will do oversight on all the bills that are paid, the procedures which they are paid, the deposits and to make recommendations for changes in policies or methodologies. Mr. Marro said that that won't take more than three to five hours per week. Commissioner Swift asked if this was like a quasi audit. Mr. Marro said that he was correct. Mr. Marro said that Ms. Winstead is not going to review the bank statement, make adjustments to the journal at month end that was being done when he first came on board. She will be reviewing procedures and policies and make recommendations for changes and make sure that we are doing things the way government should be. This was the whole intent of the RFP.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to award contract (for Financial Services) to Tara Winstead. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. 3-1 vote with Commissioner Willis opposed.

C. Discussion of contract to provide services for payment to the Georgia Department of Corrections. Mr. Marro said that this is the annual contract and that it had been before the Board previously. Commissioner Garner wanted Mr. Marro to get comparable bids from the other detention centers to perform the same work. Mr. Marro said that the price was the price and it didn't matter which detention center you get the work from. The Spalding County detention center serves mainly Spalding County. The Lamar County detention center is now dedicated to rebuilding the Forsyth facility and will be there for a number of years. The others are at the same price as the detention facility here. If we are going to use the prison labor force which is budgeted for about \$36,000.00 in the contract, we need to exercise this contract per Mr. Marro. Commissioner Collins said that the Department of Corrections is moving to Forsyth and will be using the old Tift College site. All Department of Corrections activities will be consolidated there. Mr. Collins said that it appeared that Pike County had been operating under this contract since July 1, 2008 so he thought it was appropriate to approve this contract and then look at the new contract that will be due on July 1, 2009. Commissioner Willis said that the work crew had been doing a lot of work in the City of Concord and asked if Pike County was paying for them to work in the City of Concord or are we billing the City of Concord for this? Chairman Mangham said to Commissioner Willis that the people in the City of Concord pay county taxes just like we

do. Commissioner Willis said that they pay city taxes, too and that is inside of the city. Per Mr. Mangham, they pay county taxes and it is also in the county. Mr. Mangham said that he is not arguing but is asking that someone explain the difference to him. Commissioner Willis said that they are working around that island in the area of the post office. Commissioner Willis and Chairman Mangham both request clarification on this issue. County Manager Marro said that it was his understanding that those labor crews come out of Pike County's contract. The City of Zebulon gets the crew one day month and that comes out of Pike County's maintenance contract. Commissioner Willis asked if every city gets that opportunity. County Manager Marro said no, that the City of Zebulon actually applied to the Board of Commissioners to use that contract and the Board approved it over a year ago. Commissioner Swift asked if they could pick up the trash on Highway 109. Mr. Marro said that was part of the problem. This crew has not been out to work anywhere near 52 weeks so Pike County is saving money on that contract. When the crew does not come out, the county does not pay. Mr. Marro asked if that answered everyone's questions.

MOTION

Commissioner Collins made the motion to approve the contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

D. Approve or deny contractual agreements for services with various component units of Pike County Government. Mr. Marro said that about two months ago, he suggested to the Board that contracts be drawn up between the component units and the Board of Commissioners that established an understanding of what the County was going to get for the amount of money we're giving the component units. Contracts from the Industrial Development Authority and Recreation Authority have been received and presented for the Board's approval.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to approve the component unit contracts with the Industrial Development Authority and the Recreation Authority. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

E. Request authorization for the County Manager to bring on an IT person. Mr. Marro said that Kyle Gooden is busy with his GIS work. The candidate will be graduating from Flint River Tech and has an interest in coming to work for Pike County on a volunteer basis. A background check has been done on the candidate. This candidate would be addressing all of the computer and network problems throughout the county. Mr. Marro said that currently there are issues with Keep Pike Beautiful and the Rec Authority and there isn't time to go down there and repair their computers. A substantial amount of time is spent at the Sheriff's Department on their IT and computer work. Commissioner Collins asked if this was aimed at getting the county computer system on the same page so that the computers talk to each other. Mr. Collins said that this was recommended a long time ago but has never happened. Mr.

Marro said that Pike County has a complete network system now where everything talks to one another including the software that has been put in down at Planning and Development. Mr. Marro said "the Commissioners office as well as the Tax Assessors office can access all of the information that is going on down at Planning and Development, but they can not access ours because we don't want them going into our database because that is the master database. Everybody, Nancy's on it, I'm on it, it's completely networked now." Mr. Marro went on to say that we have nothing to do with the Sheriff's system or the courts systems. Per Mr. Marro, the network for the county's function all talks to one another. Plus, everybody uses email to talk from department to department. Mr. Marro said that he didn't know what could be expanded as everything is compatible and didn't know why anyone would think it wasn't compatible.

Commissioner Collins said that the county computer system was being discussed several years ago and a request was received for a separate computer system for the health department. Mr. Collins said that he thought at the time that that was a lot of money for a health department computer system. Mr. Collins said that it was explained to him at that time that the health department needed to be able to talk to the state. Commissioner Collins said that it would be economically feasible to have computer systems that talked to each other so that each department wouldn't have to have their own system. Mr. Collins said that if this candidate is good enough, he should be able to make some recommendations on this. Mr. Marro said that Commissioner Collins' comments were well taken but this is not the purpose of bringing this person on. Mr. Marro said that the county does not communicate with the fire department, but would be appropriate if they did. Mr. Marro said that this is a good goal to get the departments interconnected just as the Planning and Development office is, saying that the information is website accessible through the commissioner's office. Mr. Marro said that the Road Department operates on their own and that the commissioner's office has no communication with them at all. Mr. Marro said that this would be a good goal to work towards if the money was available. Commissioner Collins said that he'd make a motion for this if it was needed but thought this should be under the county manager's purveyance. County Attorney Morton said that it was a non-compensated position and requested that a motion be made.

MOTION

Commissioner Collins made the motion to authorize the County Manager to bring on an IT person, non-compensated position. A non-disclosure and proprietary information agreement must be signed. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

F. Request permission to refund Mr. Joseph Reid \$100.00 for overpayment of plats.

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to refund \$100.00 to Joseph Reid. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

G FY 2009 Bond Resolution #1. County Manager Marro said that this was at the request of the Board of Commissioners to reallocate S.P.L.O.S.T. revenues from the ADA contract to the Hollonville Fire Station contract. Mr. Marro said that per the paperwork that was included with the request, Mr. Townsend is projecting the sum of \$63,000.00 be moved out of the ADA portion of the contract over to the finalization of the Hollonville Fire Station. Any reallocation of funds out of the S.P.L.O.S.T. takes action of the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Willis asked if the Board is legitimate in doing this. County Attorney Morton said that he had not been asked to study this and that it is his recollection that when there is excess S.P.L.O.S.T. funds, there is a specific way of handling this which is reducing the debt in the district or area which was designated for the funds first and then if there is not any debt there then the reduction in debt for the county in general. Mr. Morton said that he'd have to go back and look at the S.P.L.O.S.T. document as far as reallocating when a project has been completed. This is really not excess funds but is excess funds for that department. Morton said that they needed to be very cautious with this. He said that they could approve the motion contingent upon his reviewing this legally but stated that he has some concerns because he knows that the state statute designates specifically the reducing of debt in an area where it was designated first and then going to the reduction of the debt of the county in general where there is an excess of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds. Commissioner Collins asked if the ADA portion of the S.P.L.O.S.T. been completely encumbered, finished and paid off. Mr. Marro said that the last portion of the S.P.L.O.S.T. to his knowledge was being worked on right now. That would be the refurbishment of the building and doors in this facility, the ramp walkways here and the work that is going on down at Planning and Development. That was what was applied for in the S.P.L.O.S.T. and to the best of his knowledge is being taken care of now. Mr. Marro said that to his knowledge, everything else in the S.P.L.O.S.T. has been addressed. Commissioner Collins said that if after all of the other projects are completed that the funds are designated for then we are up for redesignation of any surplus. Commissioner Swift said that it is his understanding then that everything has been encumbered, whether the projects are complete. County Attorney Morton said that the way that the S.P.L.O.S.T. was done this last time gave the commissioners some flexibility and was intentionally done that way based on the public hearings and discussion with the bond council. Mr. Morton said that he has not specifically reviewed this issue and would feel more comfortable if this could be postponed until the next meeting and he'll do a thorough review and give an opinion on it at that time. Commissioner Powers said that he can rescind his motion if need be. Commissioner Powers rescinded his motion to approve.

MOTION

Commissioner Powers made the motion for the County Attorney to review the Bond Resolution #1. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

H. Resolution for Pike County Recreation Authority to change their name. County Manager Marro said that a copy of this resolution was presented to the Board prior to the meeting. County Attorney Morton said that he reviewed the resolution and said that it basically asks the General Assembly to amend their enabling legislation to account for the renaming of the authority to include the term "Parks" so it would be the Pike County Parks and Recreation Authority. Also, the Pike County Rec. Authority has obtained tax exempt status and there is a section in the enabling legislation that would be clarified to show this and help prevent them from being charged tax going forward.

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to approve resolution un-amended as presented by the Rec Authority. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN MANGHAM CALLED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

-Personnel-Fire Chief/Fire Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to go to Executive Session at 11:13 am. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

MOTION

Commissioner Willis made the motion to re-enter public session at 11:47 am. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.

CHAIRMAN MANGHANM CALLED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION

Commissioner Swift made the motion to adjourn at 11:48 am. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. 4-0 vote.